

REMARKS

Claims 29-37 and 39-44 remain pending in this application. Claims 41-44 are independent. Claim 41 has been amended for clarity. No claims have been added or canceled by this amendment after allowance.

Amendment to the Preamble of Independent Claim 41

As previously discussed with Examiner Gyorf, independent claim 41 has now been amended to clarify the preamble of the claim, in particular, to better delineate the CAN system being tested from the claimed testing device. In particular, the preamble of claim 41 is now proposed to read:

“A testing device in a CAN-system including a digital serial communication bus and having a group of first modules connected to said digital serial communication bus at different locations (A) for controlling equipment at each location (A), the testing device comprising: ...”

Support for this clarifying amendment to the preamble can be found at least in paragraphs [0072] through [0074] of U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2002/0044660A1 (this application, as published and originally filed), and in FIG. 12.

No new matter is involved with this proposed claim amendment after allowance.

Accordingly, consideration and allowance of amended claim 41 are respectfully requested.

In the event the Examiner believes an interview might serve to advance the prosecution of this application in any way, the undersigned attorney is available at the telephone number indicated below.

Although no fees are believed to be due with this response, for any fees that are due, including fees for extensions of time, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees or

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